



ENDURING TRIBUTES

Monuments mark V Corps role in Normandy invasion

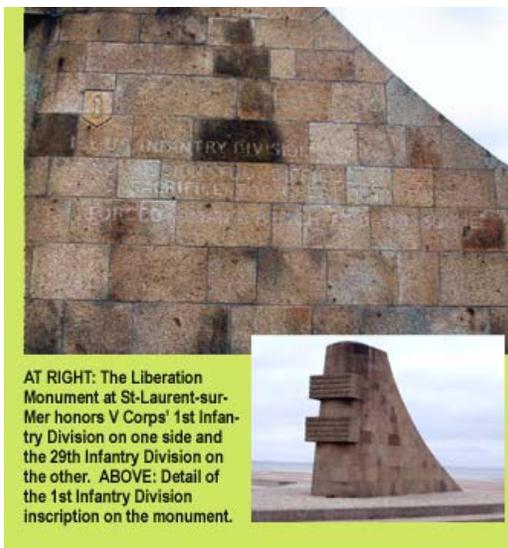


The Normandy region fairly blossoms with monuments to

the heroes of D-Day. Among the many enduring tributes to the troops who poured onto its shores on June 6, 1944 are several that honor the Soldiers of the 1st and 29th Infantry Divisions who fought there under V Corps command.

The gray obelisk that is the 1st Infantry Division Monument can be found on the waterfront near St-Laurent-sur-Mer and Colleville-sur-Mer, within walking distance of the American cemetery.

At Vierville-sur-Mer are two monuments to the National Guard Soldiers of the 29th Infantry Division who assaulted Omaha Beach alongside the 1st Infantry Division. A stone marker dedicated to the 29th can be found alongside Highway D517 between the Omaha D-Day Museum and the National Guard Monument. A plaque that commemorates the destruction of an anti-tank wall that blocked the exit from the beach by engineers of the 29th, is placed on a wall across D517 from the National Guard Monument.



At St-Laurent-sur-Mer is another monument to both the 1st Infantry Division and the 116th Regimental Combat Team of the 29th Infantry Division. The stone monolith, at the end of Highway D517 crossroad near Les Moulins and the Omaha 6 June 1944 Museum, commemorates the Allies landing on Omaha beach and the liberation of Europe. There are two inscriptions on the monument; one side is dedicated to the 1st Infantry Division, the other to the 116th.